



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT application of:

Applicant: Stefan Vilsmeier
Appln. No.: 09/827,253
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Title: REFERENCING A PATIENT OR A PATIENT'S BODY PART IN A MEDICAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM BY MEANS OF IRRADIATION OF LIGHT POINTS
Docket No.: SCHWP0127US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT DELETING MULTIPLE DEPENDENCIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application in the below indicated manner.¹ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any extra claim fees to Deposit Account No. 18-0988 under the above set forth Docket No.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 5, 7-9, 13, 15 and 16 as follows:

A | 3. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said light beam is a beam of invisible light, in particular infrared light, said cameras being set to detect the reflections for this light.

5. (Amended) The method as set forth in claim 3, wherein by means of a second beam of visible light, aimed substantially at the same target area as that of said invisible referencing light beam, a visible light reflection is created on said surface.

¹ The change(s) to the specification and/or claims are shown by underscoring and bracketing in the marked-up version attached hereto as an Appendix.